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Phillip A. PATTEN et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 10/646,221	)	Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	)	
FOR POLYPEPTIDE ENGINEERING	)	
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**AMENDMENT**  
**AND**  
**RENEWED REQUEST BY APPLICANT FOR INTERFERENCE**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §41.202**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the next pages.

In conjunction with this Amendment, Applicants renew their request that an interference be declared between the instant application no. 10/646,221 ("the Patten '221 application") and U.S. Patent No. 6,605,449 to Short ("the Short '449 patent").